

## **Lt. Governor Honored at Israeli Bonds Gala in Florida**

### **Garamendi Commended for his Work on Holocaust Reparations**

Florida – California Lt. Governor John Garamendi was honored this week at Temple Beth El Israeli Bonds Gala in West Palm Beach, Florida for his work on holocaust reparations. The following is an excerpt from his remarks:

“I am honored to accept this recognition for my work on behalf Holocaust survivors and their heirs.

“As many of you may know, my home state of California is home to 15,000 to 20,000 Holocaust survivors, the second largest population of survivors in the United States. While no amount of money can ever erase the devastation borne by Holocaust victims, protecting the rights of survivors and their heirs and helping to secure the just reparations owed to the victims of the Holocaust was one of my proudest achievements as California’s Insurance Commissioner.

“Although six decades have passed since the Holocaust, the atrocities of that era will never be forgotten by the survivors and their families. It is incumbent upon all of us to ensure that generations after us know the lessons of the past, and never again let these indescribable events in our history repeat themselves.”

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